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Docket No. 15-XZ-4971

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **RECEIVED**

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In the Application of:)

Kenneth Kump)

Serial No.: 09/344,190)

Filed: 6/24/1999)

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
DETERMINING A DYNAMIC RANGE OF)
A DIGITAL MEDICAL IMAGE)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-12 and 15-27 remain pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 3-12 and 15-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ergun et al. (USP 6,298,109) Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding rejection for reasons set forth hereafter.